

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) A continuous multi-layer
2 monofilament having a circular cross section and consisting of
3 multiple layers that are extruded simultaneously in a single
4 process step from a single spinning orifice, the monofilament
5 having

6 a first layer made from first plastic,

7 a second layer bonded directly to the first layer, made
8 from a second plastic that is an ethylene-vinylacetate copolymer or
9 a methylacrylate copolymer, and

10 a third layer bonded directly to the second layer and
11 made from a third plastic, the second plastic being a bonding agent
12 for bonding the first and third plastics, one of the first and
13 third plastics being selected from the group which consists of
14 polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamide (PA), polyamide
15 copolymer, and polypropylene (PP), the other of the first and third
16 plastics being selected from the group which consists of
17 polyethylene, polyoxymethylene (POM), polyphenylene sulphide (PPS),
18 polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),
19 polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyether etherketone (PEEK), and
20 polyethylene naphthalate (PEN).

1 2. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament consists of three layers.

1 3. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament has a core/sheath structure, that
3 the core of the monofilament is formed by the first plastic, the
4 core is at least partly enclosed by the second layer consisting of
5 the second plastic, and the second layer consisting of the second
6 plastic is at least partly enclosed by the third layer consisting
7 of the third plastic.

1 4. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament has a side-by-side structure.

Claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (canceled).